### Purpose of Meeting:
Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee

### Location of Meeting:
Virtual

### Date, Time of Meeting:
07.14.2021, 1:00-3:00 pm

### Steering Committee (present in **bold**):

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<tr>
<th>Ashley Bautista</th>
<th>Daniel Cohen</th>
<th>Doug Graham</th>
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<td>Alyssa Mann</td>
<td>Brian McCarthy</td>
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<td><strong>Jeff Shea</strong></td>
<td><strong>Glenn Shephard</strong></td>
<td><strong>John Tolson</strong></td>
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<td>Julie Tumamait-Stenslie</td>
<td>Lauren Utterback</td>
<td>Dave Ward</td>
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<td><strong>Kat Selm (alternate)</strong></td>
<td>Michelle Kelly</td>
<td><strong>Aaron Engstrom</strong></td>
<td><strong>Jackie Nuñez (alternate)</strong></td>
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### Other Attendees:

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<th>Bonnie Luke</th>
<th>Cindy Rolli</th>
<th>Rob Flaner</th>
<th>Jeana Wiser</th>
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<td>Megan Brotherton</td>
<td>Santa Paula Times</td>
<td>Janelle Hahn</td>
<td>John Brooks</td>
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<td>Ojai Valley News</td>
<td>Lara Shellenbarger</td>
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<td>Welcome</td>
<td>• Motion to accept the revised 6/09/20 meeting minutes was made by John Tolson and seconded by Maggie Tougas.</td>
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<td>• Start Time: 1:00 PM</td>
<td>• No objections.</td>
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<td>• None</td>
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<td>• Review of June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes</td>
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<td>• Review Agenda</td>
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<td><strong>Public Outreach Update</strong></td>
<td>Jeana:</td>
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<td>• Website</td>
<td>Share demographic data from survey responses with the SC so targeted outreach can be done in underrepresented areas.</td>
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<td>• Survey Results (as of 7.02.21)</td>
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<td>• 116 completed surveys (145 as of today; 7.14.21)</td>
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<td>• The cities of Ventura and Thousand Oaks have the most responses to date.</td>
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<td>• The survey will be open for approximately one more month.</td>
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<td>• Questions include a write-in option for a broader range of responses.</td>
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<td>• Striving for a maximal exposure, however there is no benchmark for a total number of responses required by FEMA.</td>
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Survey results data will be provided to planning partners to inform and guide their action plans. The survey has been distributed and promoted via:
- Sheriff’s PIO press release
- SC and CPT members distributed to their networks
- County website [Community Survey – Ready Ventura County](Ventura County)
- Email to groups that had expressed interest in the process
- Social Media (Twitter, Nextdoor, Facebook)
- Distributed to community partners working with COVID outreach
- Local media outlets have promoted the survey.

For additional distribution:
- Utilize existing partnerships with CBOs
- VC Watershed Coalition committees
- VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)

### Vision, Goals, and Objectives (Confirm)

**Vision Statement:** No questions or input.

**Goals:** No questions or input.

**Objectives:** Discussion:
- **“Community Lifelines”** is the FEMA terminology for critical facilities and infrastructure. The definition of Community Lifelines does not specifically target vulnerable communities, but that focus is intended. Project prioritization should be enhanced if it identifies with socially vulnerable populations.
- Financial and economic measures are included in objectives #16 and #17.
- Objective #19 should include alignment with city general plans and special-purpose district plans.
- The annex process identifies integration opportunities for existing plans. Planning partners can be made aware of integration with the *Projected Changes in Ventura County Climate 2019 Report*.
- The use of mitigation measures terminology in #10 is appropriate for this plan. Objectives are meant to measure success for hazard mitigation. These objectives are not intended to go into other plans such as Emergency Operations Plans. The CPT can determine if terminology needs to be adjusted for Objective #10.

**Motion to accept the Vision, Goals, and Objectives,** as revised during this meeting, was made by John Tolson and seconded by Aaron Engstrom.

- **No objections.**

**CPT:**

Revise #19 as follows:
Align the hazard mitigation plan with state mitigation plans; city and county general, community, capital improvement plans; special-purpose district plans; and climate action, resilience, and adaptation plans.

CPT:

Revise #13 as follows:
Proactively manage and care for natural resources, including grasslands, forests, oak woodlands, riparian forests, stream channels, coastal wetlands, and beaches, to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from natural disasters and minimize public safety risks.
**Objective #13 could include more habitat types such as riparian forests and coastal wetlands.**

**Planning Partner Update**
- More than 20 municipal and special-purpose district planning partners are participating in the update.
- 85% of the planning partners have completed their Phase 1 annex.
- They are now working on Phase 2 and have about 5 weeks remaining in the second phase. Phase 3 will kick off in September with planning partner workshops.
- Plan integration section discussion:
  - Planning partners will list all plans with existing or future integration with this MJHMP and include a brief explanation of how the plan is integrated or could occur. Grant funding is available for some plan integration actions. The instructions on grant funding opportunities will be expanded for planning partners looking to integrate plans.

**Storymap Update/Review**
- The initial framework for the VC Storymap and examples of completed Storymaps were shown.
- Hazard data will be built into the tool for detailed map views and outputs of risk.
- This County tool can locate risk at individual property levels, while the State tool is at a census block and tract level. The County Storymap will provide more detail.
- FEMA requires replacement cost values in HMPs so the valuation is different from County maps that show assessed values.
- The final Storymap will contain a disclosure explaining the differences between County View maps and the Storymap.

**Next Steps**
- No meeting on August 11, 2021
- 4th Steering Committee Meeting - September 8, 2021
  - Risk Assessment/Storymap review

**Adjourn**
2:19 PM
Vision Statement

The County of Ventura Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will establish and promote a comprehensive mitigation strategy and efforts to equitably reduce risk and increase the resiliency of the community and environment from natural hazards.

Goals

1. Protect life, property, and the environment, and minimize displacement due to natural hazards events.
2. Effectively communicate natural hazard risks and mitigation strategies to the whole community.
3. Pursue development and implementation of feasible, cost-effective, and environmentally sound hazard mitigation measures.
4. Prioritize multi-objective hazard mitigation actions and those that reduce risk to vulnerable communities.
5. Coordinate with other plans and programs that can support or enhance hazard mitigation.
6. Enhance the County's capability and capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of natural hazards.
7. Proactively anticipate the risks of future impacts from hazards.
8. Increase the County’s adaptive capacity to reduce risk from hazard impacts.
10. Reduce risk to and increase the resilience of critical infrastructure and community lifelines.

Objectives

1. Utilize the best available data, science, and technology to identify and communicate the risk exposure to hazards to state, regional, and local agencies, as well as the private sector and non-profit groups.
2. Support efforts to improve the resilience of community lifelines in socially vulnerable communities.
3. Enhance supply chain diversity and improved resilience by supporting local food and energy production and increased multi-modal transportation.
4. Research, develop, promote, adopt and enforce codes and standards to preserve life and property that are affordable and feasible to implement.
5. Promote and implement mitigation measures, such as greenbelts and fire breaks around communities and along roadways to mitigate the risk of wildfires.
6. Support the protection of vital records, and strengthen or replace buildings, infrastructure, and lifelines to minimize post-disaster disruption and facilitate short-term and long-term recovery.
7. Improve and expand systems that provide warning and emergency communications to the whole community.
8. Continue developing and strengthening inter-jurisdictional coordination and cooperation in the area of emergency services.
9. Promote and implement the retrofit or replacement of at-risk structures and lifelines to increase community resilience.
10. Incentivize mitigation measures for high-risk and repetitive loss areas to address repairs, major alternations, development plans, and practices to increase community resilience.
11. Reduce repetitive property losses due to hazard impacts through acquisition, retrofitting, design, and updated construction and land use regulations.
12. Encourage and support leadership within the private sector, non-profit agencies, and community-based organizations to promote and implement local hazard mitigation activities.
13. Proactively manage and care for natural resources, including grasslands, forests, oak woodlands, riparian forests, stream channels, coastal wetlands, and beaches, to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from natural disasters and minimize public safety risks.
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15. Support hazard mitigation measures, where feasible, utilize nature-based practices (e.g., holistic watershed management and green belts) and solutions, and support and enhance natural processes.
16. Encourage the creation of financial and regulatory incentives to motivate stakeholders such as homeowners, private sector businesses, and non-profit community organizations to mitigate hazards and risks.
17. Conduct public outreach activities that increase community awareness and understanding of hazard risk, mitigation options, and preparedness strategies.
18. Minimize impacts of hazard events on the economic drivers for the County.
19. Align the hazard mitigation plan with state mitigation plans; city and county general, community, capital improvement plans; special-purpose district plans; and climate action, resilience, and adaptation plans.
Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Steering Committee Meeting #3
July 14, 2021
Welcome/Introductions
Public Comment
  – Meeting Minutes Review (06.09.21)
  – Agenda Overview
Survey Results Update
Vision, Goals and Objectives Discussion
Planning Partners Update
Storymap update
Next Steps
Public Survey Results (7.2.21)
Ventura County Public Survey: results as of July 2, 2021

116 Total Completed Surveys
Which of the Following Natural Hazard Events Have You Experienced?

- Wildfire
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Severe Weather (i.e. wind...)
- Severe Storms
- Agricultural Biological...
- Flood
- Landslide
- Sea Level Rise + Coastal...
- Dam Failure
- Tsunami
How Concerned are You About the Following Hazards?

*Wildfire*

*Drought*

*Earthquake*

*Severe Weather* (i.e. wind, rain, etc.)*

*Severe Storms*

*Sea Level Rise* and* Coastal...*

*Other Hazard*

*Agricultural Biological...*

*Flood*

*Landslide*

*Tsunami*

*Dam Failure*

Legend:
- Not Concerned
- Somewhat Concerned
- Concerned
- Very Concerned
- Extremely Concerned
What are the Hurdles Preventing You From Being More Prepared?

- Green: Time constraints
- Blue: Not applicable, I feel adequately prepared already
- Orange: Financial constraints
- Yellow: Other (please specify below)
- Red: Renting vs. owning home or business
- Pink: Lack of education about disasters
- Magenta: Limited access to information resources
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• The **Vision Statement** defines the overall purpose of the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan (MJHMP).

• **Goals** are established to identify the overall improvements Ventura County wants to achieve through the implementation of the MJHMP.

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